

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-19 and 22 remain pending in this application. Claim 7 is canceled by this amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-19 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Independent claims 1 and 22 are amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in all aspects in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 22 have been indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the 112 rejection. All remaining pending claims depend directly or indirectly from these independent claims. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in allowable form. Therefore, the withdrawal of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arranged for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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